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SUBJECT: EXBS KAZAKHSTAN ADVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORTING CABLE (FEBRUARY 2008)

I. BROAD ITEMS OF INTEREST TO ADVISORS AND AGENCY MANAGERS:

1. U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia Richard Boucher visited Kazakhstan from February 9-11, 2008. On February 11, 2008, Assistant Secretary Boucher met with Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev and discussed Kazakhstan's 2010 OSCE chairmanship, energy issues, and regional cooperation..

2. The March 9-12 scheduled visit to the United States of Kazakhstan's Prime Minister Karim Masimov has been cancelled. Prime Minister Masimov was scheduled to meet with Vice-President Richard Cheney, State Secretary Condoleezza Rice, Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez, Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman, and Trade Representative Susan Schwab, high-ranking officials of the World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund.

II. COMPLETED ACTIONS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD

A. SITE ASSESSMENTS AND MEETINGS CONDUCTED

1. On February 4, 2008, the EXBS team accompanied Ms. Laurel Cotton, the Project Coordinator for the U.S. Department of Energy's Second Line of Defense (SLD) Program, to a meeting in Astana with Kazakhstan Customs Control Committee officials to discuss a broad range of matters concerning the SLD program, including training and equipment delivery issues. The Customs Control Committee was represented by Ermek Smagulov, Deputy Head of the Customs Control Organization Department; and Alexandra Vozhakova, Head of Radioactive Materials and Technical Means Department.

¶2. From February 5-8, 2008, Laurel Cotton, the Project Coordinator for the U.S. Department of Energy's Second Line of Defense (SLD) Program, and Alexandra Vozhakova, Head of Radioactive Materials and Technical Means Department of the Kazakhstan Customs Control Committee, visited various border crossing along Kazakhstan's southern border to assess the progress of the work done thus far toward the Phase One installation of the SLD Radiation Portal Monitors. They also had the opportunity to look at a fully functional Radiation Portal Monitor installed by the Government of Kazakhstan. To date the Government of Kazakhstan has purchased and installed 40 fixed and two mobile Radiation Portal Monitor systems manufactured by Ural Aspect.

¶3. On February 10, 2008, a Country Team meeting was held with U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia Richard Boucher in attendance. During this meeting the EXBS advisor briefed the Assistant Secretary on EXBS and the U.S. Department of Energy's Second Line of Defense (SLD) Program in Kazakhstan.

¶4. On February 13, 2008, the EXBS advisor met with Martin O'Mara, the State Department desk officer for Kazakhstan. Discussions centered around the assistance provided by EXBS during the last year and on the proposed plan for assistance during 2008. Also discussed was the Department of Energy's Second Line of Defense (SLD) program in Kazakhstan.

¶5. On February 20, 2008, a Diplomatic Note was delivered to the Kazakhstan Ministry of Foreign Affairs informing the Government of Kazakhstan of the Government of the Kingdom of Norway's contribution of \$5 million in support of the Second Line of Defense Program efforts to install radiation detection equipment along the Kazakhstan/Russian border.

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¶6. On February 21, 2008, a Security Assistance Working Group (SAWG) meeting was held in Astana, Kazakhstan. In addition to the Astana SAWG members this meeting was also attended by CDR Mark Sullivan, DTRA International Project Manager, and Bob Zesinger, SAIC Project Consultant, WMD Proliferation Prevention Initiative.

¶B. TRAINING DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

¶1. None

¶C. EQUIPMENT DELIVERED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

¶1. None

¶D. IMMINENT TRAINING OR EQUIPMENT STATUS UPDATE

¶1. The Department of Energy Second Line of Defense Program is continuing its project to install portal monitors at border sites. The SLD equipment for Phase One installation began to arrive in Kazakhstan from Russia in four rail shipments on February 5, 2008, and the final shipment arrived on February 27, 2008. EXBS successfully assisted in obtaining customs release for all the SLD equipment in Almaty.

¶E. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN EXPORT CONTROLS, NONPROLIFERATION, OR RELATED BORDER SECURITY

¶1. None.

¶F. CASPIAN SECURITY INFORMATION

¶1. None

III. RED FLAG ISSUES.

¶1. None

